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MESSAGE TRANSMITTED BY FACSIMILE
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 09/989,437
Inventor: Mamiko SUGIMOTO et al.
Title: METHOD FOR SUPPORTING MEDICAL TREATMENT SYSTEM
AND MEDICAL TREATMENT SUPPORT SYSTEM
Your ref: MAR. 067
Our ref: DP-820 US
Due date: August 16, 2005

Dear Mr. McGinn:

Further to our facsimile of July 7, 2005, this letter is to deliver the inventor's instruction to you.

The inventor requested you to draft a response in the following way:

1. Prior art rejection

The inventor wishes to traverse the rejections with Operation G (Figs. 5 and 6).

- (1) Please add the 9th operation in claim 9 to both claims 1 and 28.
- (2) Claim 9 is divided in two. New claim 9 is restricted to a method claim that comprises only the 9th operation. Please make a new claim that refers to claim 9 and comprises at least one operation among the 1st to 8th operations.
- (3) The Montlick reference (US 5,561,446) does not teach or suggest the above operation. With this operation user can feel as if he/she were handling a paper carte.

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2. Others

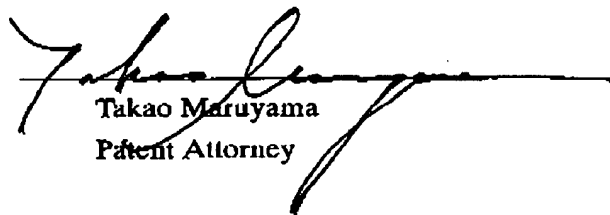
- (1) Fig. 13 belongs to the prior art.
- (2) Fig. 5 was amended to include a Lock Button. Please find enclosed the renewed drawing.
- (3) Please deal with the other objections on your end.

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We kindly ask you to prepare a draft response in accordance with the comments and send it to us before you file it with the Office.

Thank you for your kind cooperation in this case.

Very truly yours,


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Encl.: Fig.5 with the Lock Button (1 page)